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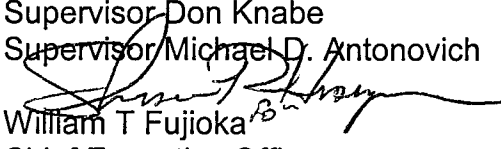
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**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND MOLINA INSTRUCTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO AB 2904 (HAYASHI) - (ITEM NO. 29-B, SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA OF MAY 27, 2008)**

Item No. 29-B on the May 27, 2008 Supplemental Agenda is a motion by Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Molina instructing the Chief Executive Officer and the County Counsel to draft amendments to AB 2904 (Hayashi) to: 1) remove the restrictions that a finding of abuse or neglect be made prior to a board of supervisors having access to case information and that a board of supervisors meet as a whole in closed session to review the case records; 2) draft a five-signature Board letter requesting that the bill be amended; and 3) if the County's amendments are not accepted that the County oppose this legislation.

AB 2904, as amended on May 6, 2008, would permit a county board of supervisors to receive and review confidential case information of any child who dies of abuse or neglect while in the protective custody of a county's child welfare or foster care agency. The bill would require a finding of abuse or neglect to be made by a child welfare department, law enforcement, or a county coroner before a board could have any access to case records. The bill requires a board of supervisors to review case information in closed session and prohibits a board of supervisors from disclosing or releasing confidential case information unless otherwise permitted.

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County Counsel has determined that AB 2904 would restrict the Board of Supervisors access to juvenile court records and records of other County departments and agencies that provide services to a child who dies while under the purview of the court. Currently, the Board of Supervisors is not subject to these restrictions.

On May 27, 2008, the Alameda County Sacramento advocate indicated to the Los Angeles County Sacramento advocate that the sponsors of AB 2904 would be willing to accept an amendment to permit an exception for counties which access information through a court order.

AB 2904 is sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. It is supported by the California State Association of Counties, the County Welfare Directors Association, and the American Association of State, County and Municipal Employees.

AB 2904 passed the Assembly on May 15, 2008 by a vote of 76 to 0. The bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 22, 2008. A hearing has not been scheduled. Because there is no Board policy to oppose legislation which would require the Board of Supervisors to meet as a whole in closed session to review case records of children who die in custody of the juvenile court or to require a finding of abuse or neglect to be made as a condition of reviewing such records, **opposition to AB 2904, unless amended, is a matter for Board policy determination.**

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